

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Spencer, Kentucky

Number of farms

623 farms in 2002, 646 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

77,525 acres in 2002, 84,441 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

124 acres in 2002, 131 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,381,000 in 2002, \$19,988,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,970,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,411,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

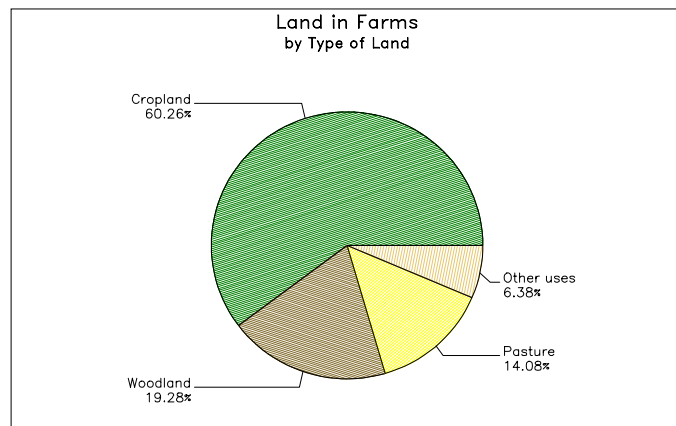
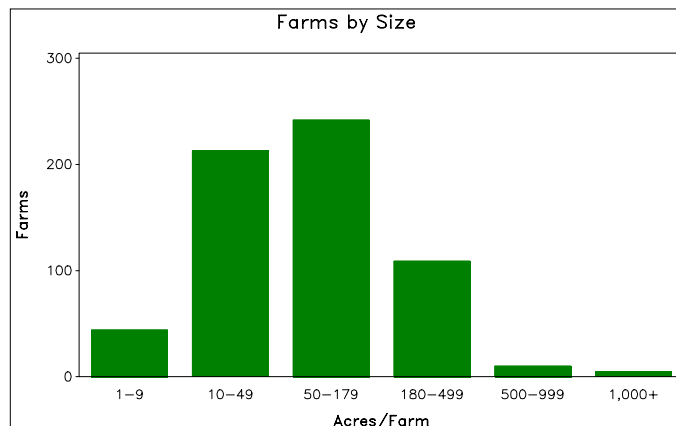
\$18,268 in 2002, \$30,941 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$312,000 in 2002, \$237,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,399 in 2002, \$1,391 in 1997, up 72 percent.



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Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	11,381	73	120	2,443	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,970	57	120	1,888	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,411	76	120	2,399	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,150	44	117	1,740	2,871
Tobacco	3,552	50	114	134	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	389	13	111	1,084	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6	88	112	2,331	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,345	24	106	967	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	527	48	120	1,857	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	75	115	2,316	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,595	68	120	1,994	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,463	33	106	1,170	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	104	111	2,747	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	76	120	2,263	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	175	76	118	1,247	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	163	7	100	678	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,586	66	120	1,814	3,059
Horses and ponies	728	71	119	1,688	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	408	68	119	2,057	2,983
All Goats	375	64	119	1,259	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	58	103	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,093	51	120	1,145	3,059
Soybeans	3,912	45	100	1,251	2,076
Corn for grain	2,793	44	117	1,466	2,592
Tobacco	1,031	47	114	127	563
All Wheat for grain	755	41	101	1,641	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	130	Farming	304
\$1,000 to \$2,499	105	Other	319
\$2,500 to \$4,999	72		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	102	Male	571
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	52
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	32		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	940
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,585	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	20,233	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	206	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	331	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.